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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-12 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 13-21 were added in the Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend claims 13-21 as shown in the following listing of the claims.

13. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ A flammable fire lighting aid mass, in particular in a form of a firelighting aid, such as selected from the group consisting of barbecue firelighters, fireplace firelighters and oven firelighters ~~respectively made~~ consisting of paraffin containing inorganic particles disposed in a homogeneous distribution in the paraffin, and, optionally, a combustion-promoting additive, said particles being silicic acid.

14. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the silicic acid is precipitated silicic acid.

15. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the silicic acid is pyrogenic silicic acid.

16. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claims 13, wherein the silicic acid is hydrophilic.

17. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the silicic acid is hydrophobic.

18. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the paraffin is paraffin produced from slack wax.

19. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the paraffin is paraffin produced by Fischer-Tropsch synthesis.

20. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 13, wherein the combustion-promoting additive is a metallocene.

21. (currently amended) ~~Flammable~~ The flammable mass according to claim 20, wherein the metallocene is a ferrocene.